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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Negotiation Map Sets

Enclosed herewith are three different map sets: In each case a "set" consists of one bound package of maps plus a separate explanatory memorandum.

1. First, there is one set of the map series delivered to the White House on 18 November. These are the maps you saw in draft/proof form in my office. During his Washington visit, Nguyen Phu Duc was given one (blue-covered) packet of the maps, but to the best of my knowledge he was not given a copy of the 18 November explanatory memorandum. This set is included so you (i. e., the U.S. Mission) will have a copy of what is known to be in the GVN's possession.

2. Second, there are three sets of a new (5 December) series, which consists of updated versions of the five maps in the former (18 November) series plus a sixth map included at Dr. Kissinger's request. These were explained in my private 4 December cable to you [REDACTED]. The new maps have pink covers as opposed to the 18 November series' blue covers. (No political symbolism is intended here; we simply wanted a different colored cover to minimize risk of confusion and pink stock happened to be handy.) This particular group of three sets is for U.S. Mission use (one is for you, one for the Ambassador and one for General Weyand). It has the explanatory cover memorandum intended for U.S. eyes (the memorandum with the seal on the cover).

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3. Third, there are three sets of the new series with a slightly sterilized explanatory memorandum written so that it can be passed to the GVN. (This version has no seal on its cover.) I am sending three such sets so, if the Ambassador desires, you can give one to Thieu, one to Duc and still have one for your own records. The "TOP SECRET" classification put on this version of the cover memorandum, incidentally, is essentially a cosmetic

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4. Dr. Kissinger asked me to handle getting copies of these maps to the U.S. Mission in Saigon. I told him I would do so by sending them to you (as has now been done). He said that would be fine. This enclosed package, therefore, is really the White House's package for Ambassador Bunker. Would you please be good enough to confirm receipt by cable so I can assure the White House that the Mission has received its copies.

Many thanks.

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